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26 July 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Administration

FROM : [REDACTED]
Assistant for Information, DDA

SUBJECT : PRM-29 - Revision of Executive Order 11652

1. (U) Attached is a briefing paper which you have seen that OGC prepared for use by the Admiral in preparing for the Special Coordination Committee meeting of 26 July when it was anticipated that the new Executive order relating to national security classification would be discussed. Also attached is a paper from the Records Review Branch of ISAS which speaks to each of the major points. I believe that Bill [REDACTED] paper points out several areas of considerable concern which should be considered very carefully when we reach the point of official Agency coordination on the proposed Executive order.

2. (C) Probably the most important area of contention relates to material provided from foreign sources. There is pressure from participants in the various working groups involved in the new order to treat such material in a manner identical with that originated within our Government. Such an approach can only buy us trouble. This was fairly dramatically illustrated in the last few days when we were faced with a strident complaint [REDACTED]

3. (U) I would recommend strongly that [REDACTED] memorandum be forwarded to the Acting DDCI since in all probability he will play a key role in the Agency's coordination on the draft Executive order.

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4. (U) [] has participated in one of the working groups involved in the preparation of a new Executive order and is fully conversant in all of the problems outlined in the Wade memorandum. In my absence she should be consulted regarding any information that may be desired.

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Attachments: a/s



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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

DDA 77-4025

SUBJECT: (Optional)

Briefing for SCC Meeting of 26 July - PRM-29

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Office of General Counsel

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DATE

21 July 1977

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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1. The attached is the briefing book for your use at the SCC meeting Tuesday, 26 July, at 1600 hours, where the report of the Ad Hoc Committee under PRM-29 is to be considered. PRM-29 calls for a study and revision of E. O. 11652 which is the Order creating the national security information classification system. I am available at your convenience for any briefing or background you may want, but I will be away beginning Sunday (IC Staff) and (OGC) have worked extensively on the PRM-29 exercise and are also available for briefing, although Don is now away and is due back on Saturday.

2. In our work on the PRM-29 groups and committees, we coordinated with CIA offices and with the IC Staff and my votes and comments at the Ad Hoc Committee included suggestions from both. I am sending a copy of this briefing book to John McMahon and Jack Blake, however, so that, if they have any additional thoughts or disagreements, they would be able to get them to you. Tony Lapham also has not yet seen this book but will do so as soon as possible.

3. who is away this week, is planning to attend the SCC meeting with you on the 26th.

This package contains:

1. Memo to DCI from [] (OGC 77-4678) dtd. 21 July 1977; Subj: Briefing for SCC Meeting of 26 July--PRM-29
2. Multiple Adse letter from Christine Dodson, NSC, dtd. July 19, 1977; Subj: PRM/NSC-29: A Comprehensive Review of the Classification System
3. PRM/NSC-29 dtd. June 1, 1977
4. Background paper to PRM-29; dtd. 21 July 1977 signed by []
5. EO. 11652
6. NSCD of May 17, 1972
7. Summary paper of EO 11652 & NSC Directive dtd. 21 July 1977 signed by []
[] OGC
8. Comments on Issues Paper
9. Memo to AI/DDA from RRB dtd. 25 July 77; Subj: Issues Paper for SCC Meeting on PRM 29 Comprehensive Review of the Classification System
10. Memo for PRM/NSC-29 Ad Hoc Committee Members from Robert Gates & Richard Neustadt (White House) dtd. July 20, 1977; Subj: Balancing Test